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ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF A POSSIBLE PROTEST BY PARKING COMPANY OF AMERICA BECAUSE OF THE AWARD OF THE PARKING ATTENDANT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ANOTHER CONTRACTOR

Because of the unusual events surrounding the bid process for the Parking Attendant Services Agreement, the Department of Children and Family Services (Department) anticipates a possible protest by its current vendor Parking Company of America. This possibility was discussed at the Department's meeting with your Deputies on February 16, 2001. This memo is to provide your Board with a summary of the bid process should Parking Company of America elect to protest the award.

The Department released a Request for Proposals on October 10, 2000, which resulted in five (5) companies submitting proposals, including the current vendor, Parking Company of America. The proposals were evaluated and ranked based on a predetermined scoring criterion. Of the five proposals, Parking Company America and Five Star Parking tied for the best score. But because Parking Company America submitted the lower priced bid, it was ranked higher and tentatively selected as the contractor pending Board approval. On November 27, 2000, Parking Company of America was notified of its tentative selection.

On December 18, 2000, and January 2, 2001, the Department received information from the State Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, that Parking Company of America had had a recent labor violation concerning failure to pay overtime wages to certain employees, which it was required to but did not disclose in its proposal.

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On the advice of County Counsel and in light of this new information, the Department re-evaluated all proposals. After re-evaluation, Five Star Parking scored the highest. It was notified of its tentative selection on February 28, 2001. The remaining proposers also were notified that they were not selected on February 28, 2001. Currently, the Department is in the process of preparing a Board Letter recommending Board approval of Five Star Parking Company as the contractor for Parking Attendant Services Agreement.

Parking Company of America has provided parking attendant services for the Department on previous occasions, under two separate agreements; from February 1, 1996 through August 31, 1999 and from August 1, 1999 to November 30, 2000, at the Borax Building located at 3075 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. On December 1, 2000, the Department entered into an agreement with Parking Company of America through a "procurement by negotiations" process after a telephone bid survey was conducted which resulted in no bidders. The interim Agreement, initially for the period from December 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001, was extended through April 30, 2001. This extension was necessary pending the completion of the Request for Proposals for parking attendant services.

We anticipate filing the Board Letter and Agreement by March 22, 2001, for the April 3, 2001 Board agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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